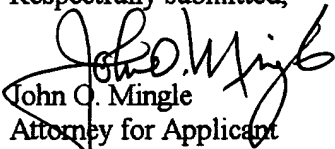


REMARKS

Claim 9, the only active claim as amended, is now in the form of a Jepson, improvement style claim and contains no new material. The "for improved contact" phrase refers to the use of this twine cutter to cut the heavy twine used with round hay bales; page 1, lines 7-12. This claim is designed to only accent new or modified elements; J. Landis, Mechanics of Patent Claim Drafting, 2nd Ed., 167, Practising Law Institute, NY 1974. Therefore the subject invention is designed to produce a twine cutter that is light-weight and inexpensive via injection molding, and further will cut heavy twine, because of its firm and finger-fitting hand hold, for a reasonable length of time until the high quality steel blade, that is permanently mounted, wears sufficiently to degrade its cutting ability. At that time the twine cutter being inexpensive is thrown away and a new one employed.

In view of the above remarks, each of the active claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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